

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2013

SESSION LAW 2013-335
HOUSE BILL 796

AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN COLUMBARIUMS FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA
CEMETERY ACT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 65-47 reads as rewritten:

"§ 65-47. **Scope.**

(a) The provisions of this Article shall apply to all persons engaged in the business of operating a cemetery as defined herein, except cemeteries owned and operated by governmental agencies or churches.

(b) Any cemetery beneficially owned and operated by a fraternal organization or its corporate agent for at least 50 years prior to September 1, 1975, shall be exempt from the provisions of Article 9 of this Chapter.

(c) The provisions of this Article shall not apply to persons licensed under Article 13D of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes when engaging in activities for which a license is required under the Article.

(d) A columbarium that is built on the grounds of a private, self-contained retirement community in a county where no commercially available columbarium exists, funded solely by the residents of that community, and reserved exclusively for the residents' use shall be exempt from the provisions of Article 9 of this Chapter."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law and expires 18 months after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 16th day of July, 2013.

s/ Daniel J. Forest
President of the Senate

s/ Thom Tillis
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Pat McCrory
Governor

Approved 4:27 p.m. this 23rd day of July, 2013

